



# APD NEWS

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### *Media Advisory*

## **City to rededicate APD facility in honor of legendary officer**

Join City and State officials for a rededication ceremony of the Austin Police Department Central East Substation and Forensic Center in honor of retired Senior Police Officer Robert Martinez Sr. at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Austin Mayor Will Wynn, Mayor Pro Tem Brewster McCracken, Police Chief Art Acevedo, Texas State Rep. Dawnna Dukes and former Texas State Rep./Travis County Sheriff Terry Keel are among the ceremony participants. Members of the Martinez family also will be present.

Officer Martinez, a native of East Austin, is one of the highest decorated police officers in the history of the Austin Police Department, and in the State of Texas. He is most known for initiating the first Hispanic Crimes Unit and starting the department's Gang Prevention Unit. Martinez received a commendation from President Bill Clinton in 1994 for outstanding work helping Texas youth avoid gangs and drugs.

### **Building Rededication Ceremony**

**Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008**

**10 a.m.**

**Robert Martinez Sr. Central East Substation and Forensic Center  
812 Springdale Road**

### **Parking**

**Media:** Media should park along the street immediately in front of the substation. The parking lot will be reserved for the event.

**Event attendees:** Parking is available at the Springdale Church of God in Christ, 767 Springdale Rd.; Govalle United Methodist Church, 831 Springdale Rd.; or along the street.

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